(c) it is not feasible to construct a boundary wall around the forest area for protection purposes. Effective patrolling is the standard method for protection of forests.

Entry fee for Ranthambhore Tiger Project

†2539. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the rules for entry of tourists and vehicles in RanthambhoreTiger Project and the entry fee therefor;

(b) the persons and the vehicles entitled for free entry in the project;

(c) the number of tourists who visited the project during the last three years and the amount charged from them, as entry fee; and

(d) what type of improvements in the transport system Government propose to make, so that every visiting tourists gets a chance to roam there?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Entry of tourists and vehicles in RanthambhoreTiger Reserve is regulated through theWildlife (Protection) (Rajasthan), Rules 1977 and amendments made there under, from time to time. Entry fee charged from tourists and vehicles is in accordance with Government of Rajasthan notification No.F11(35) Forest/97 Jaipur dated 16-11-2000. Datails of entry fees and vehicle charges are as follows:—

Public entry fee

	Category	Entrance fee (in Rs.)	Eco Development surcharge (in Rs.)	Total fee per person per visit (in Rs.)
(a)	Indian citizens	5	20	25
(b)	Non-Indian citizens	50	150	200
(c)	Students (Indian)	1	4	5

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Vehicle entry fee

	Type of Vehicles	Entrance fee (in Rs.)	Eco Development surcharge (in Rs.)	Total fee per vehicle per visit (in Rs.)
(a)	Bus	50	150	200
(b)	Gypsy/Jeep/Car/ Mini-bus/Canter	25	100	125
(c)	Auto driven two wheelers	4	11	15
(d)	Tonga	5	15	20

(b) Under Section 27 of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 the following categories of free entry are permitted in National Parks and Sanctuaries.

(a) a public servant on duty;

(b) a person who has been permitted by the Chief Wildlife Warden or the authorised officer to reside within the limits of the Sanctuary;

(c) a person who has any right over immovable property within the limits of the sanctuary;

(d) a person passing through the sanctuary along a public highway, and

(e) the dependents of the persons referred to in (a), (b) or (c).

(c) The number of tourists to Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve during last three years and the entrance fee collected from them are given below:—

Year	Indian	Foreign	Student	Total	Income from entry fee (in Rs.)
1999-2000	28625	25424	1950	55999	53,11,550
2000-2001	49781	30911	4002	75694	86,36,670
2001-2002	38950	26167	6801	71918	98,89,325

(d) Regulations for movement of vehicles in the Tiger Reserve have been issued vide State Government's letter dated 30-6-2001. Central Government is not aware of any proposal to change these regulations.

Endangered lion-tailed monkey

2540. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a special variety of monkey, called lion-tailed monkey, is getting vanished day-by-day in the forest areas near Kalakad in Tirunelveli district in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how Government would prevent extinction of such a special variety of species in the area;

(d) whether this lion-tailed monkey is found in any other forest areas of the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The state government of Tamil Nadu has reported that the population of lion-tailed monkey has maintained itself in the Kalakad forests in Tirunelveli district of Tamil Nadu. The numbers of lion-tailed monkeys counted during last two censuses in this area are as under—

Year of census	Numbers of Lion-tailed monkey counted
1998-99	340
2002-03 (May)	338

(c) Central Government provides financial and technical assistance for conservation of the entire range of wild animals including lion-tailed monkey in Kalakad forests under centrally sponsored scheme "Project Tiger".